

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A motorcycle stand comprising:
 - [[a)] a base having a support member;
 - [[b)] at least one self-lubricating member ~~which engages~~ extending upwardly from the support member;
 - [[c)] a slidable member, which engages the self-lubricating member and cooperates with the support member in a telescopic manner;
 - [[d)] a mechanism including a ~~coupling device collar~~ to elevate the slidable member, the mechanism cooperating with the base and being ~~associated with~~ operably interconnected to the slidable member, wherein the ~~coupling device collar~~ is removably attached and adjustably positionable at a plurality of positions along the height of the slidable member that ~~to the slidable member and adjustably positionable relative to the slidable member and~~ provides infinite adjustment of the height of the slidable member relative to the base within a preselected range; andwherein, the motorcycle stand ~~can be~~ is selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.
2. (Currently Amended) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the mechanism ~~to elevate~~ is further comprised of at least a lever.
3. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the support member and the slidable member are substantially cylindrical.
4. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the at least one self-lubricating member is further comprised of a sleeve.

5. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the at least one self-lubricating member is further comprised of at least one strip.

6. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, further comprising a seal member which is interconnected to the support member and slidable member.

7. (Currently Amended) The motorcycle stand of Claim 1, wherein the mechanism is interconnected to the base by a clevis ~~to elevate includes a clevis.~~

8. (Original) The motorcycle stand of Claim 7, wherein the clevis is removable.

9. (Currently Amended) A stand, adapted for use with a motorcycle, comprising:
[[a)] a base;
[[b)] a self-lubricating, non-oil support member extending upwardly from in
~~contact with the base;~~

[[c)] a cylindrical support sleeve having at least a top surface and in slidable telescopic contact with the ~~self-lubricating~~ support member;

[[d)] a lift platform positioned on ~~associated with~~ the top surface of the support sleeve;

~~(e) an actuating lever in operable communication with the support sleeve;~~

~~(f) at least one link member which is pivotally connected with the actuating lever and the base;~~

[[g)] a coupling device having a first portion with an arcuate inner surface and a second portion with an arcuate inner surface ~~in operative communication with the actuating lever and removably attached and~~ adjustably positionable at a plurality of positions along the height of the support sleeve;

~~an actuating lever pivotally connected to the coupling device that provides in-adjustable relation to the support sleeve to provide infinite adjustment of the height of the top surface of the support sleeve relative to the base within a preselected range; [[and]]~~

~~at least one link member which is pivotally connected to the actuating lever and the base;~~
and

wherein, the lift platform ~~can be~~ is selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

10. (Original) The stand of Claim 9, wherein in the first position of rest, the support sleeve and the lift platform are in non-extended positions, and in the second position of use, the actuating lever is depressed and the lift platform and the support sleeve are elevated in order to support a motorcycle.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The stand of Claim 9, wherein the ~~self-lubricating support member and the support sleeve are~~ is substantially cylindrical.

13. (Currently Amended) A stand, adapted for use with a motorcycle, comprising:
[[a)] a base having at least one leg;
[[b)] a support member ~~interconnected to~~ extending upwardly from the base;
[[c)] a support sleeve having at least a top surface and in slidable telescopic contact with the support member;
[[d)] a lift platform positioned on ~~associated with~~ the top surface of the support sleeve;
~~(e) an actuating lever, including a coupling device collar~~ to elevate the support sleeve, wherein the coupling device collar is removably attached and adjustably positionable at a

~~plurality of positions along the height of the support sleeve that to and is adjustably positionable relative to the support sleeve and~~ provides infinite adjustment within a preselected range of the height of the support sleeve relative to the base;

an actuating lever operably interconnected to the collar;

[[f]] a removable ~~clevis member~~ interconnected to the base;

[[g]] at least one link member having a first end and a second end, the first end of the link member pivotally ~~communicating interconnected~~ to the actuating lever and the second end of the link member pivotally ~~communicating interconnected~~ to the removable ~~clevis member~~; and

wherein, the stand ~~can be is~~ selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use and wherein at least one of the support member and the support sleeve is self-lubricating.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The stand of Claim 13, wherein the support sleeve is self-lubricating.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The stand of Claim 13, further comprising a self-lubricating member which cooperates with the support sleeve and the support member.

18. (Original) The stand of Claim 13, wherein the support member is removably interconnected to the base.

19. (Currently Amended) A stand, adapted for use with a motorcycle, comprising:
[[a]] a base;

[[(b)]] a support member ~~interconnected to~~ extending upwardly from the base;

[[(c)]] a self-lubricating sleeve, having an axially-positioned aperture, which engages the support member;

[[(d)]] a support sleeve having at least a top surface and which is in slidable, telescopic contact with the self-lubricating sleeve;

[[(e)]] a lift platform ~~associated with~~ positioned on the top surface of the support sleeve;

[[(f)]] a lift mechanism, ~~including that~~ includes a coupling device, which includes a first portion and a second portion that are fastened to each other such that the support sleeve is positioned therebetween, the coupling device adapted to elevate the support sleeve interconnected to the base, wherein the coupling device is removably attached and adjustably positionable at a plurality of positions along the height of the support sleeve to provide to and is adjustably positionable relative to the support sleeve and provides infinite adjustment of the height of the support sleeve relative to the base within a preselected range; and

wherein, the stand ~~can be~~ is selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

20. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the self-lubricating sleeve is removable.

21. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the lift mechanism is further comprised of an actuating lever interconnected to the base via a linkage assembly.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the lift mechanism is interconnected to the base via a clevis.

24. (Original) The stand of Claim 23, wherein the clevis is removable.
25. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the support member, the self-lubricating sleeve, and the support sleeve are substantially cylindrical.
26. (Original) The stand of Claim 21, wherein the actuating lever is further comprised of a pedal.
27. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the lift platform is further comprised of a means for gripping a frame of the motorcycle.
28. (Original) The stand of Claim 19, wherein the base is comprised of at least one leg.
29. (Currently Amended) A motorcycle stand comprising:
- [[a)] a base having at least one leg;
 - [[b)] a self-lubricating, non-oil support member extending upwardly from interconnected to the base;
 - [[c)] a support sleeve having at least a top surface in slidable telescopic contact with the self-lubricating support member;
 - [[d)] a lift platform ~~associated with~~ positioned on the top surface of the support sleeve;
 - a coupling device that includes a first portion and a second portion, the first portion and the second portion being interconnected to each other with at least one fastener such that the support sleeve is positioned therebetween;

[[[e)]] an actuating lever in operable communication with the support sleeve via [[a]] the coupling mechanism, wherein the coupling mechanism is removably attached and adjustably positionable at a plurality of positions along the height of the support sleeve to and in adjustable relation to the support sleeve to provide infinite adjustment within a preselected range of the height of the top surface of the support sleeve relative to the base;

[[[f)]] a removable clevis interconnected to the at least one leg of the base;

[[[g)]] at least one link member having a first end and a second end, the first end of the at least one link member being pivotally interconnected to the actuating lever, the second end of the at least one link member being pivotally interconnected to the removable clevis; and

wherein, the motorcycle stand is ~~can be~~ selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

30. (Currently Amended) A stand, adapted for use with a motorcycle, comprising:

[[[a)]] a base;

[[[b)]] a support member extending upwardly from ~~interconnected to~~ the base;

[[[c)]] a cylindrical support sleeve having at least a top surface and in slidable telescopic cooperation with the support member;

[[[d)]] a lift platform positioned on ~~associated with~~ the top surface of the support sleeve;

[[[e)]] a coupling mechanism having a first portion with an arcuate inner surface and a second portion with an arcuate inner surface adjustably and removably attached and adjustably positionable at a plurality of positions along the height of the cylindrical support sleeve to the support sleeve to allow the support sleeve and the lift platform to provide infinite adjustment of the height of the top surface of the support sleeve relative to the base, within a preselected range;

[[f]] an actuating lever interconnected to the coupling mechanism to provide infinite adjustment of the height of the top surface of the support sleeve relative to the base, within a preselected range;

[[g]] a clevis interconnected to the base;

[[h]] at least one link member pivotally interconnected to the clevis and the actuating lever; and

wherein, the stand ~~can be~~ is selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use and wherein at least one of the support member and the support sleeve is self-lubricating.

Claims 31 and 32 (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) The stand of Claim 30, wherein the cylindrical support sleeve cooperates with the support member via a self-lubricating member.

34. (Currently Amended) A stand comprising:

[[a]] a base;

[[b]] a support member ~~interconnected to~~ extending upwardly from the base;

[[c]] a self-lubricating, non-oil support sleeve having a top surface and in slidable telescopic contact with the support member;

[[d]] a lift platform ~~associated with~~ positioned on the top surface of the self-lubricating support sleeve;

a coupling device that includes a first portion and a second portion, the first portion and the second portion being interconnected to each other with at least one fastener such that the support member is positioned therebetween;

[[e]] an actuating lever in operable communication with the self-lubricating support sleeve, the actuating lever being in operable communication with a coupling device,

wherein the coupling device is removably attached to and adjustably positionable at a plurality of positions along the height of the support sleeve to provide ~~positionable relative to the support sleeve, providing~~ infinite adjustment of the height of the support sleeve relative to the base, within a preselected range;

[[f]] a clevis interconnected to the base;

[[g]] at least one link member pivotally interconnected to the clevis and the actuating lever; and

wherein, the stand ~~can be~~ is selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

35. (Original) The stand of Claim 34, wherein the support member is self-lubricating.

36. (Original) The stand of Claim 34, wherein the clevis is removable.

37. (Original) The stand of Claim 34, wherein the actuating lever communicates with the self-lubricating support sleeve via a coupling mechanism.

38. (Currently Amended) A stand comprising:

[[a]] a base;

[[b]] a support member extending upwardly from ~~interconnected to~~ the base;

[[c]] a support sleeve having at least a top surface;

[[d]] a self-lubricating member which engages the support member and the support sleeve so that the support sleeve cooperates with the support member in a telescopic manner;

a collar that is removably attached and adjustably positionable at a plurality of positions along the height of the support sleeve;

[[e]] an actuating lever in ~~operable communication with the support sleeve, the actuating lever being in~~ operable communication with [[a]] ~~the coupling device collar, wherein the coupling device is removably attached to and adjustably positionable relative to the support sleeve, providing to provide~~ infinite adjustment of the height of the support sleeve relative to the base, within a preselected range;

[[f]] a clevis interconnected to the base;

[[g]] at least one link member pivotally interconnected to the clevis and the actuating lever; and

wherein, the stand ~~can be~~ is selectively positioned between a first position of rest and a second position of use.

39. (Original) The stand of Claim 38, wherein the clevis is removable.

40. (Currently Amended) The stand of Claim 38, wherein the actuating lever communicates with the support sleeve via the collar ~~a coupling mechanism~~.

41. (Original) The stand of Claim 38, wherein the base has at least one leg.